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**RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application contains material related to the following commonly assigned co-pending U.S. Patent Applications, incorporated herein by reference:

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Serial No. 09/745,655, filed 22 December 2000 for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROGRAMMING THE VALUE OF FRAME SYNCHRONIZATION WORDS IN A MULTIDIMENSIONAL DIGITAL FRAME STRUCTURE"